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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND REQUIRED EXTENSION FEE

SIR:

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action dated October 22, 2007 and request that the period for taking further action be reset to expire on March 22, 2008. This is an extension request for replying to the October 22 Office Action within the second month pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

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The reason for the present request is to provide additional time to study the October 22 Office Action and take appropriate action in response thereto.

Authorization is hereby given to charge \$460.00 to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268 to cover the required fee. Should this amount prove insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any such insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

Respectfully submitted,

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